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AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER				Docket No. 0879-0281P	
Application No. 09/678,333-Conf. #4816		Filing Date October 3, 2000		Examiner Y. K. Aggarwal	
Art Unit 2622					
Applicant(s): Mikio WATANABE					
Invention: INFORMATION RECORDING DEVICE AND COMMUNICATION METHOD THEREOF, ELECTRONIC CAMERA, AND COMMUNICATION SYSTEM					
<b>MS AF</b> Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450  Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application. The fee has been calculated and is transmitted as shown below.					
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**AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL ACTION UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.116**

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**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

In response to the Office Action dated October 20, 2006, finally rejecting claims 1-14, 16 and 17, the following is respectfully submitted in the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 2 of this paper.